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SUBJECT: ROC AND NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

1. ON APRIL 17 AND 18 ACDA ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KLEIN DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF THE ROC AND THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE, LENNART ECKERBERG (MINISTER, SWEDISH EMBASSY), AND WITH BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN EMBOFFS. HE INFORMED THEM THAT U.S. HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ROC WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND NPT CONFERENCE PROVIDED ROC STATUS WITH SECRET

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REGARD TO THE TREATY WERE NOT CHALLENGED. EMPHASIZING THE U.S. POSITION THAT THE ROC'S STATUS AS A PARTY COULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BE ALTERED BY ANY ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE, KLEIN INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE DESIRABLE TO AVOID

RAISING AN ISSUE WHICH WOULD BE DIVISIVE, WOULD DETRACT FROM THE MAIN BUSINESS OF THE MEETING, AND COULD ESTABLISH A HARMFUL PRECEDENT BY CHALLENGING THE STATUS OF A STATE WHICH HAD RATIFIED THE TREATY.

2. WITH REGARD TO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND ON-THE-SPOT TRANSLATION OF ALL WORKING PAPERS INTO CHINESE AT THE CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD BEEN A SOURCE OF CONTENTION AT THE THIRD PREPCOM, KLEIN INDICATED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT BELIEVE THESE SERVICES WOULD BE NECESSARY IF ROC DID NOT ATTEND. HOWEVER HE WENT ON TO ADD THAT TRANSLATION INTO CHINESE OF THE FINAL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED SINCE CHINESE WAS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE ROC WAS ENTITLED TO HAVE THESE PAPERS IN THAT LANGUAGE.

3. KLEIN SAID WE WERE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE ONLY WITH THE UK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE PREPCOM CHAIRMAN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. ACTIONS WERE DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT THE ROC QUESTION WOULD BE A NON-ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS HE ADDED THAT WE SAW NO REASON FOR ISSUE TO ARISE IF DISCRETION WERE EXERCISED.

4. ECKERBERG SAID THAT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPCOM AND AS A SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE HE WAS GLAD THAT A RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM APPEARED TO BE AT HAND. HE SAID IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT THE PHILIPPINES, ACTIVE SUPPORTERS OF THE ROC CAUSE IN THE PREPCOM, WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE ON THIS OCCASION BUT THE ROMANIANS MIGHT. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF SWEDEN SPOKE TO THE ROMANIANS. KLEIN SAID WE HAD CONSIDERED DOING THIS OURSELVES BUT DECIDED THAT IT MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

5. UK EMBOFFS ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. PLANNED TO BRING UP QUESTION WITH SOVIETS IN TRILATERAL TALKS ON APRIL 21-22 IN LONDON. KLEIN SAID WE DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE IT AS A SEPARATE ITEM BUT IT MIGHT COME UP IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGETARY OR OTHER NPT RELATED MATTERS.

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6. FOR GENEVA. ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME THAT ECKERBERG WILL INFORM THE SYG OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF OUR POSITION, YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION CONVEY OUR VIEWS IN CONFIDENCE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN PREPARATORY WORK.

7. FOR BUCHAREST, MANILA AND MOSCOW. THIS SUBJECT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, BUT IF YOU RECEIVE ANY INDICATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE ROC QUESTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED. KISSINGER

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